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Art Unit: 1652

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/621,448; Filed: July 21, 2000
For: **Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids**
Inventors: O'Donohue *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.1010002/SRL/CMB

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
2. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
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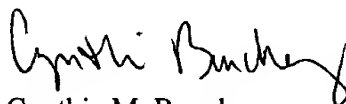
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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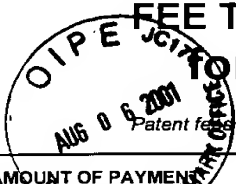
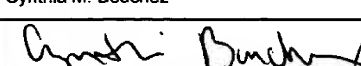
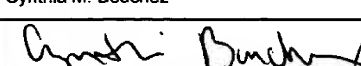
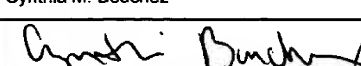
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